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SUBJ: BAM--TRANS-SIBERIAN RAIL LINK COMPLETED

1. TRUD AND SOTSIALISTICHESKAYA INDUSTRIYA OF MAY 9 REPORT
COMPLETION OF 180-KILOMETER RAIL LINK FROM BAM STATION ON
TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILROAD TO TYNDA STATION (VILLAGE OF TYNDINSKIY)
ON FUTURE BAIKAL-AMURE BAIKAL-AMUR MAGISTRAL' (BAM) LINE.

FIRST FREIGHT TRAINS APPARENTLY ALREADY TRaversing THIS
ROUTE. AS ARTICLES POINT OUT, COMPLETION OF RAIL LINE
INTO HEART OF BAM CONSTRUCTION IS FEAT OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE.
EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, AND LABORERS CAN NOW BE BROUGHT IN
BY TRAIN, OBVIATING NEED FOR AIRLIFTS, TRANS-SHIPMENTS,
AND OTHER LOGISTICALLY DIFFICULT METHODS OF REACHING BAM
CONSTRUCTION SITES.

2. ALSO REGARDING BAM, ISSUE 10 OF "SOBRANIYE POSTANOVLENIY
PRAVITEL'STVA SSSR" NOTED THAT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS
ADOPTED PROPOSAL OF USSR MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS TO ADD ONE
DEPUTY MINISTER POSITION TO BE FILLED BY INDIVIDUAL WHO
WILL ALSO BE CHIEF OF DIRECTORATE (DIREKTSIYA) OF
CONSTRUCTION OF BAIKAL-AMUR MAINLINE RAILROAD. ONE
V.P. KALINICHEV HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE POSITION.
(COMMENT: IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT RELATIONSHIP IS BETWEEN
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DIREKTSIYA ENTITY AND MAIN ADMINISTRATION FOR

CONSTRUCTION OF BAM OF USSR MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT CONSTRUCTION.
THIS MAY WELL BE BEGINNING OF INTER-AGENCY RIVALRY OVER BAM
PROJECT, WITH MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS TAKING POSITION THAT
AS ULTIMATE END-USER IT SHOULD OCCUPY PRE-EMINENT POSITION
IN SUPERVISION OF CONSTRUCTION. END COMMENT.
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